problem in oily water sewer system etc., that cropped up at the time of pre-commissioning activities, the commissioning of the unit got delayed. First trial operation could be taken in May, 1998 against the earlier estimate of February, 1998. Thus the loss is attributable to the unforeseen factors that delayed the commissioning process. Such teething problems are invariably associated with the commissioning of new facilities in a grass-root refinery. The quantum of reported loss is yet to be reconciled.

Inter-state Counterfeit Currency Notes Racket

†*515. SHRI GOPAL SINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of inter-state counterfeit currency notes racket in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such incidents are on the rise in the bordering districts of Kutch in Gujarat and other States; and

(d) the amount of counterfeit currency notes confiscated during the year 2000 and the number of persons arrested and punished ?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA) : (a) and (b) Cases of seizure of fake currency notes are reported from time to time from various parts of the country. Available information indicates that fake Indian currency notes are being clandestinely inducted into the country from across the Indo-Pak border and Indo-Nepal border, besides being fabricated in India through a variety of techniques involving the use of printing presses, colour photocopiers, scanners and colour printers.

(c) No increase in such cases have been reported in the Kutch District of Gujarat. A statement showing the number of cases of seizure of counterfeit currency during the last two years as received from National Crime Records Bureau (Ministry of Home Affairs) is given in the statement (*See* below).

(d) During the year 2000, in 1,514 incidents of counterfeit currency notes, an amount of Rs. 3.54 crores (approx.) has been seized from 1,189 accused persons.

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Number of cases of seizure of counterfeit currency during 1999 and 2000

S.No	States/U.T.	No. of cases 1999	No. of cases 2000
1	2	3	4
	States		
1	Andhra Pradesh	27	117
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2	3
3	Assam	61	40
4	Bihar	NA	NA
5	Goa	6	36
6	Gujarat	173	42
7	Haryana	53	18
8	Himachal Pradesh	2	1
9	Jammu & Kashmir	29	12
10	Karnataka	98	668
11	Kerala	65	51
12	Madhya Pradesh	51	5
13	Maharashtra	329	83
14	Manipur	16	13
15	Meghalaya	3	2
16	Mizoram	55	11
17	Nagaland	7	4
18	Orissa	1	4
19	Punjab	4	43
20	Rajasthan	42	53
21	Sikkim	0	0
22	Tamilnadu	61	84
23	Tripura	1	8
24	Uttar Pradesh	141	134
25	West Bengal	26	59
	TOTAL (States)	1253	1491

1	2	3	4
Union Territories			
26	Andaman & Nicobar	0	0
27	Chandigarh	1	7
28	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0	0
29	Daman & Diu	0	1
30	Delhi	86	10
31	Lakshadweep	0	0
32	Pondicherry	9	5
	TOTAL (U.T.s)	96	23
	TOTAL (All- India)	**1349**	**1514**

NA- Data not available

IDBI'S Exposure in Steel Sector

*516. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY :

SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the IDBI's total exposure in Steel Sector alongwith the company-wise investment status of physical and financial performance of the companies;

(b) whether additional financial assistance was approved for Ispat Industries, Ispat Metallics and Essar Steel Ltd;

(c) if so, whether any conditionality was imposed and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the status of fulfilment of the conditionalities ?